18th March 1959]

Engineering College, Madras

* 859 Q.—Sri A. A. RASHEED (on behalf of Sri T. T. DANIEL): Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(a) whether the United States Government have agreed to provide under its programme any aid to the Engineering College, Madras; and

(b) if so, the amount of financial aid?

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM: (a) & (b) Yes, Sir. Books worth $200 and scientific equipment costing $12,500 have been allotted to the College under the "India Wheat Loan Educational Exchange Programme".

Sri A. A. RASHEED: May I know, Sir, whether the aid is given for the development of any particular section or department of the Engineering College?

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM: Not to any particular thing. We are allowed to choose our own equipment.

Motor Vehicles Taxation Act

* 860 Q.—Sri V. K. KRISHNAMURTHY (on behalf of Srimathi T. N. ANANDANAYAKI): Will the Hon. the Minister for Electricity be pleased to state—

(a) the amount of tax collected under the Madras Motor Vehicles Taxation Act, 1931 by the Government district-war including Madras City in 1958; and

(b) the amount paid out of the above sum to each local body for the maintenance of roads?

The Hon. Sri V. RAMAIAH: (a) The amount of tax collected during the year 1958 is furnished in item I of the statement[a] placed on the table of the House.

(b) The amount paid from 1st January up to 30th November 1958 to each local body is furnished in items II and III of the statement[a] placed on the table of the House.

Sri K. VINAYAKAM: Sir, from the statement it is evident that in the City of Madras about Rs. 71 lakhs odd is collected under this head, whereas the compensation given to the local body, namely, the Corporation of Madras, is only Rs. 3 lakhs odd, which works out only to 2½ per cent of the total collection. Whereas it is the sole responsibility . . .

Mr. SPEAKER: The hon. Member is giving an opinion.

Sri K. VINAYAKAM: No, Sir. I have not yet . . .

Mr. SPEAKER: The hon. Member is going on the wrong line. He must put a question and not give an opinion.

[a] Printed as Appendix II on pages 644-649 infra.